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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carine Van Hille et al.

Title: SAMPLE-TAKING DEVICE

Docket No.: 34110

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to examination thereof.

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